



THE GREEN SCENE

THE 49TH ANNUAL RENAISSANCE FAIRE RETURNED TO SANTA FE DAM



The 49th Annual Renaissance Faire returned to Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area in early April with a whimsical, fun, grand opening and seven weekends of merriment!

Maidens, music and court jesters greeted and entertained the crowd during the grand opening ceremony and Sir Francis Drake announced all of the guest speakers, including Parks and Recreation Chief Deputy Director John Wicker; City of Irwindale Mayor Manuel R. Garcia and Irwindale Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Lisa Bailey.

The Renaissance Faire is a recreation of the 16th Century city of Port Deptford during the reign of Elizabeth I, with hundreds of performers, 14 stages and more than 40 performance groups including knife throwers, jousters, witty shows, storytellers, jugglers and improvisation troupes.

The Renaissance Faire also featured 150 craft artisans, hand-powered rides, games, hearty English ales, fine wines, and more than 100 gourmet foods.

This year's Faire concluded with great success and we look forward to their return next year!



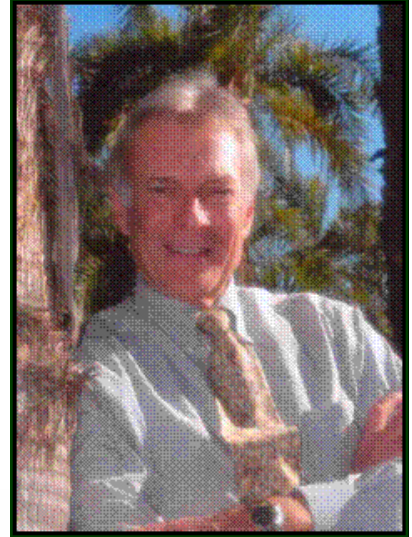
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Greetings from the Director

By now, all of you should have attended the all-staff meetings with, Chief Deputy Director John Wicker, all of the Deputy Directors and myself. Our goals were to share with you the state of our Department and to discuss important issues. We wanted to receive your input about how we, as a Department, could enhance our services, efficiencies and productivity. I was impressed by the passion exhibited by many of you on how we can better ourselves and our department; how we could save money and prevent unnecessary litigation. I hope you found the meeting informative and I want to thank you for your dedication to your profession and this Department. You make the difference in how successful we are at serving the general public and increasing the quality of their lives.

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**



Russ Guiney, Director

Where in the Department?



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For Students
ages 10-17

William S. Hart Park & Museum Free Youth Filmmaking Workshop



Image of William S. Hart is courtesy of the Seaver Center for Western History Research

Workshop Location:

William S. Hart Park & Museum
24151 Newhall Ave.
Newhall, CA 91321

Workshop Dates and Times:

July 23, July 30, and
August 6

10 AM to 2:30 PM

This summer students ages 10-17 are invited to participate in a **free**, three-day filmmaking workshop at William S. Hart Ranch and Museum. Participants will spend a day learning about theatre and acting from Canyon Theatre Guild and two days creating a short silent film with instructors from CalArts Community Arts Partnership (CAP). Students will have the opportunity to use the latest in filmmaking equipment.

For more information and application forms, please visit: <http://www.lacountyarts.org/civcart.htm> or contact CalArts CAP (661) 222-2708 or the LA County Arts Commission (213) 202-5858



Applications Due: June 15
Workshop Limit: 30 students



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Service Anniversaries January 2011

20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Thomas Loria
Tree Farm Manager
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25 YEARS OF SERVICE



Grace Hu
Administrative Services Manager I
Administrative Services Agency

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Recreation Services Supervisor
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Sergio Santana
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North Agency



Norma Garcia
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East Agency

**Service Anniversaries
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20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Larry Lewis
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Regional Facilities Agency



Rudy Valenzuela
Assistant Regional Grounds
Maintenance Supervisor
North Agency

Service Anniversaries March 2011

25 YEARS OF SERVICE



Michelle Hazlett
Regional Park Superintendent I
John Anson Ford Amphitheatre
Regional Facilities Agency

**Congratulations
to all of you!**

Where in the Department?



This is a carved red sandstone fleur-de-lis (French for stylized lily flower) set into a walled-in seating area. It was constructed in 1933 by crews of the depression era's Works Progress Administration (WPA). The WPA was the largest and most ambitious federal recovery program funded by President Roosevelt's New Deal Agency. This agency employed millions of people who carried out public works projects. The stones used for this construction may have been part of the old Los Angeles County Courthouse which was damaged by the 1932 Long Beach earthquake. This carving can be found parallel to Hazard Avenue at City Terrace Park.

Where in the Department? is a new feature by Ansley B. Davies, Associate Curator. Ansley has been locating and documenting all of the Department's historic resources. We hope this new feature will be a fun way for you to learn some interesting things about the department. Thank you to Ansley for making this column available and all of her hard work inventorying our historic assets.

2010 Awards Banquet

Another successful Department Awards Banquet took place on April 21st at the beautiful Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park. The theme this year was "Good as Gold." Many employees were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Department. Although winners were chosen for each category, all of the nominees are winners for their dedication and passion for their jobs. Congratulations to all of the nominees and winners!

Special thanks to all the Awards Committee Members for putting together a memorable event!

Awards Committee Members:

East: Olivia Perea (Chair), Lorraine Martinez, Karla Mercado, John Pepper

North: Jeff Dorst, Gonzalo Chacon, Angelica Calleros

Administration / Planning and Development: Elizabeth Mendez, Jackelyn Lukito, Delores Rios-Ramirez, Robert Ettleman

South: Jerome Johnson, Sam Armas, Mark Natividad

Regional Facilities: Chris Graham, Mark Gallagher, Carlos E. Perez

Executive Staff: Larry Hensley



COMMISSIONER'S AWARD: Parks After Dark (PAD) Program

Left to Right: Top Row: John Wicker

Middle Row: Frank Gonzales, Art Jones, Vincent Holmes (CEO), Captain Stephen Smith (Sheriffs Parks Bureau), Russ Guiney, Joe Mendoza, Melvin Pinkney.

Bottom Row: Melinda Mayoral, Mika Yamamoto, Veronica Cortez, Nohemi Rodriguez, Yvette Maufas, William Jarrett, Lorraine Martinez.

2010 Awards Banquet



DIRECTOR'S AWARD
Meliza Hernandez (left)
Lori Bennett (right)



IMAGE AWARD:
Kaye Michelson accepting for
Shane Savanapridi



HEALTHY PARKS AWARD:
Whittier Narrows Recreation Area
Countywide Fitness Challenge

Left to Right: John Wicker, Martha Moreno, Joyce Gibson, Reggie Tuyay, William Mercado, Russ Guiney.

2010 Awards Banquet



**SAFETY EQUIPMENT OPERATION/
SAFETY CONTRIBUTION AWARD:**
James A. Hughes



VALOR AWARD:
Angel Baltazar



VALOR AWARD:
Joshua Mejia



VALOR AWARD:
Robert Maycumber accepting for
Ray Young



BEST NEW PROGRAM:
Martin Rascon accepting for the
East Agency Board Club

2010 Awards Banquet



INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD:

Don Houston accepting for
Aldo Ynigo



VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT AWARD:

Margaret Trujillo



EFFICIENCY AWARD:

Development Division
Obregon Park Green Pilot Project

Left to Right: John Wicker, Mac Rodriguez, Norma E. Garcia, Changmii Bae, Bertha Ruiz-Hoffmann, Jim Smith, Mozaffar Bahrami, Russ Guiney.

2010 Awards Banquet



PERMANENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR:
Teresa Lam



RECURRENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR:
Margarita Salgado



FACILITY/PROGRAM OF THE YEAR:
Parks After Dark (PAD) Program

*Left to Right - Top Row: Russ Guiney
Middle Row: Frank Gonzales, Art Jones, Captain Stephen Smith (Sheriff Parks Bureau),
Vincent Holmes (CEO), Melvin Pinkney, Yvette Maufas, Joe Mendoza, John Wicker
Bottom Row: Melinda Mayoral, Mika Yamamoto, Lorraine Martinez, Nohemi Rodriguez,
Veronica Cortez, Steven Rios, William Jarrett.*

HIGH FIVE!

For Those Who Go Above and Beyond...

I wanted to comment on my experience at Kenneth Hahn Park today, which was very pleasant. The park was very pleasant, quiet and clean and enjoyed by a variety of people: families, couples and single people. I enjoyed the variety of trails and destinations. I visited the lake, Japanese Garden and Olympic Forest.

Teresa Thompson
Los Angeles, CA

My wife, Sarah, and I stopped at Placerita Canyon Nature Center to see the Oak of the Golden Dream. We stopped at the nature center for directions, but were hosted to a one-on-one tour of the center by Ranger Frank Hoffman. This was way above the call of duty. Ranger Frank could not be more proud of his park and nature center and was very happy to take the time to show us and explain the park's mission. Ranger Frank should be commended for his efforts. We were arriving late in the afternoon and Ranger Frank could have told us that the center was closed, but he chose to stay late and give us a tour. Ranger Frank represents what all public servants should try to achieve and the residents of Los Angeles County should be proud to know that our parks are in his hands.

Robert Gerhart
Long Beach, CA

Kudos goes out to Olivia Perea and the Awards Committee. The entire event (Annual Awards Banquet) was organized and well run. Our staff and guests enjoyed the evening.

Joe Mendoza
Deputy Director
South Agency

I just wanted to take a moment to say great job to Olivia Perea and the entire awards committee team! I think that the awards banquet was one of the best that we have ever had. Thanks again to the team for all of their hard work and dedication.

John Wicker
Chief Deputy Director

GIVE Someone a HIGH FIVE!

Do you know someone in our Department who deserves special recognition? Maybe you were on a tight deadline and that person helped you meet it. Maybe you were having a tough work day and that person helped you beat it. You know who those people are, the ones who go above and beyond. Help us recognize them. Email their name and a short paragraph of why they deserve a High Five! to iperius@parks.lacounty.gov and we'll do our best to include them in the High Five! column of The Green Scene.

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